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COURSES OF ACTION IN LAOS

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PARIS SOLUTION		PARIS SOLUTION SUCCEEDS	
● Talks with Phoumi to gain his understanding and support	● U.K. and U.S. follow-up talks with Souvanna ● Talk with Soviets	● Dry season starts	● Cooperate with P.M. Souvanna to help him keep Laos independent and neutral ● Special economic projects
FAL STIFFENING		PARIS SOLUTION FAILS (ambiguous military situation continues)	
● Stiffen FAL with U.S. and Thai advisory personnel	● Go ahead with economic priority projects per Bowan and Staley. Letter to Sarit offering \$150 million ● Continue strengthen Meos ● Announce plan for SEATO exercise. Start simultaneous bilateral talks with SEATO allies ● Assess political situation with SEATO allies. If Paris solution still has chance, keep trying	● Declare SEATO Yellow (possibly Blue) ● Push equipment and access for ICC	● Continue at Geneva in low key, or recess ● Feed in small Thai and SVN units ● SEATO exercises ● Leave SEATO com'd. shell behind ● Start SEATO rotational training ● Introduce SEATO patrol of Mekong River area
		PARIS SOLUTION FAILS [with clear resumption of fighting]	
		● Execute SEATO 5	

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